

February 20, 2019

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 67128-76019590@requests.muckrock.com

Matthew Hoppock MuckRock News-DEPT MR 67128 Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: FEMA FOIA Case Number 2019-FEFO-00206

Dear Mr. Hoppock:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), dated January 9, 2019 and received in this office on January 9, 2019. You are seeking the records that identify the "order" President Trump mentioned in his tweet (January 9, 2019), directing FEMA to "send no more money" to "the State of California" to fight "forest fires."

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within FEMA's Office of the Administrator (OA), Office of External Affairs (EA) and the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC). Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

You have the right to appeal if you disagree with FEMA's response. The procedure for administrative appeals is outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.8. In the event you wish to submit an appeal, we encourage you to both state the reason(s) you believe FEMA's initial determination on your FOIA request was erroneous in your correspondence, and include a copy of this letter with your appeal. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal within 90 days from the date of this letter to fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov, or alternatively, via mail at the following address:

FEMA

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Information Management Division (FOIA Appeals) 500 C Street, SW, Seventh Floor, Mail Stop 3172 Washington, D.C. 20472-3172

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Facsimile: 202-741-5769

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact us and refer to FOIA case number **2019-FEFO-00206**. You may send an e-mail to <u>fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov</u>, call (202) 646-3323, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner.

Sincerely,

Greg Bridges

Lead Government Information Specialist